

REMARKS

Claims 15-36 are pending. Claims 33-36 have been newly added. No new matter is presented.

Claims 15-19 and 26-32 were rejected under 35 USC 103(a) as being unpatentable over Mullaney, U.S. Patent 5,917,484 and Kusmierszyk, U.S. Patent 5,828,992. This rejection is respectfully traversed.

Claim 15 recites “means for displaying a first screen on the display unit, the first screen displaying a plurality of selectable language options for selecting a display language; and means for displaying a second screen with an option on the display unit, the option having a same appearance regardless of the display language currently displayed, wherein the first screen is displayed when the option is designated on the second screen.”

The Examiner maintains that Mullaney teaches the claimed first display screen and the Kusmierczyk teaches the claimed second display screen, wherein the first screen is displayed when the option is designated on the second screen. The Examiner asserts it would have been obvious to modify Mullaney to include the function key option of Kusmierczyk because it would provide users easy access to language selection screen by using function keys on a keyboard.

As previously asserted, and as shown in Figs. 2A and 2B of Kusmierczyk, the appearance of the function key F3 changes depending on whether the screen language is Russian or English. The Examiner asserts that because the portion of the option which reads “F3” is always the same, this means that the option has the same appearance. However, the Examiner is not considering the entire option, but rather is considering just a portion of the option on the display. The Examiner is not permitted to pick and choose the portions of the disclosure he wishes to pay attention to, and ignore the rest. For illustrative purposes, below appears the display options as disclosed in Kusmierczyk, in both Russian and English (from Figs. 2A and 2B).

РУССКАЯ ТЕКСТ ALT F3

ENGLISH TEXT F3

As can be seen, these two boxes do not look the same and do not have the same appearance. Merely because they both contain “F3” does not mean that they have the same appearance. One cannot ignore the remainder of the display option in an effort to recreate the claimed invention. Thus, Kusmierczyk fails to teach the claim limitation “the option having a same appearance regardless of the display language currently displayed.”

Applicant also previously asserted that Kusmierczyk teaches that selecting the F3 option toggles the display language between Russian and English and that merely selecting F3 does not result in displaying the first screen, where the first screen displays a plurality of selectable language options for selecting a display language. Applicant asserted that while Kusmierczyk does display a different screen when F3 is pressed, this screen is not a screen which displays selectable language options. Thus, the Examiner’s assertion “Kusmierczyk teaches means for displaying a second screen with an option on the display unit, the option having the same appearance regardless of the display language currently displayed, *wherein the first screen is displayed when the option is designated on the second screen*” is incorrect (emphasis added). The Examiner has failed to respond to Applicant’s argument above. Applicant kindly requests that the Examiner address this argument.

In light of the foregoing, the features of claim 15 are not taught or suggested by the cited art, either alone or in combination. Furthermore, as previously asserted, there would have been no motivation to combine the references even if Kusmierczyk taught that which the Examiner asserts.

Claims 26, 27 and 30 recite substantially the same feature discussed above in connection with claim 15, and thus are allowable for the same reasons.

The dependent claims are allowable at least due to their respective dependencies. Applicant respectfully requests that this rejection be withdrawn.

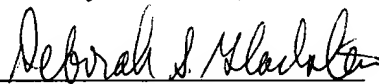
Newly added claim 33 recites that the option has the same appearance regardless of the display language selected. Since none of the cited art teaches or suggests this feature, either alone

or in combination, claim 33 should be allowed. Claims 34-36 are allowable at least due to their respective dependencies.

In the event the U.S. Patent and Trademark office determines that an extension and/or other relief is required, applicant petitions for any required relief including extensions of time and authorizes the Commissioner to charge the cost of such petitions and/or other fees due in connection with the filing of this document to Deposit Account No. 03-1952 referencing docket no. 325772015100.

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